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In support of Connecticut Bill #5283

My name is TJ Murtagh and I am a resident of Sharon, CT. Our school system is part of Region 1. Both of my children graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 2018 and 2021. Both of these students were enrolled in the Agriscience Program, were members of Housatonic Valley FFA and have gone on to have extremely productive careers in the landscaping industry here in Connecticut. The education and exposure to the breadth of agriculture they received was rigorous. Not only were they challenged in the classroom, but also in a wide variety of opportunities including: Envirothon, Career Development Events, parliamentary procedure, public speaking events, travel exchanges, service events. The Agriscience program at HVRHS is a gem. It prepares students to enter the agricultural industry, whether they do so directly or after pursuing higher education. The education is technical, applied, relevant.

Most sincerely submitted,
TJ Murtagh